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Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1997-1998, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1997-1998 is considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-1998*

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[1]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1999-2000

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 47/40)[2]

World Food Summit

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution 50/109)[3]

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/40)[4]

Coordination of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy (Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/44)[5]

New and innovative ideas for generating funds

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on all aspects of new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities (Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/48)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/93 as related to the preparations for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development

Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration and the strengthening of collaboration between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, in particular the International Monetary Fund (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.28)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/96 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/97)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/101

(d) Commodities

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.14)

(e) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/94 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

(b) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition and the World Food Summit Plan of Action[5] (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit[5] (General Assembly resolution 50/109 and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38)

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Agenda for development

(i) Agenda for development

No documentation requested

(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.21

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/103

(c) Population and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.43

(d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 50/123)

(e) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181)[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15[5]

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18, including the overall assessment of the implementation of the programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

(g) Women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 50/104)[5]

(h) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/105

(i) Cultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and 49/105 and Economic and Social Council decision 1996/206)[c]

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[c]

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/110

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/114 on desertification and drought, and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.39

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution 50/115)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.33)

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/117 B

Report of the Secretary-General on the format, substance and timing of the final event of the Decade (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.42)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.31)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Progress report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.35)

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the special session (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.41)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation — Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/118 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Item 7. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Executive Director of the Institute (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27)

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27)

Item 8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.1

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[e]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (General Assembly resolution 50/225)[c]

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.26

(b) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))[5]

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.25

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.12

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on best practices and lessons learned in the field of industrial development (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.12)

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition and the World Food Summit Plan of Action[6] (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38)

(c) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.37

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/130 and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.45 on

communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185 and 49/92 and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.32)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 49/106 and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17)

(c) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15)

(d) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Documentation — No documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18)

(e) Cultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the follow-up to the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.34)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173)[c]

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the plans, programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States that have been implemented in response to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 50/116 and draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.35)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council containing the views of the Committee for Development Planning on the report of the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.35)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.44)

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 50/120)[c]

Item 7. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.20)

Notes

[a] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[b] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1997.

[c] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[d] The programme of work and documentation list for 1998 will be updated in 1997, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

[e] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1997.